

**NOVEMBER 5, 2007
PARMA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7 P. M.**

The Regular Council meeting was called to order by President of Council Charles M. Germana presiding:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	LARRY NAPOLI KEN RAMSER TOM REGAS SCOTT M. TUMA SEAN P. BRENNAN NICHOLAS J. CELEBREZZE BRIAN DAY MARY GALINAS ROY J. JECH
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Mr. Mastroianni – Mr. Chairman, the Roll of Council has been called, and I find a quorum of Council members present. The following officials and department heads were also present: Mayor Dean DePiero, Law Director Timothy Dobeck, Auditor Dennis Kish, Treasurer Anthony C. Zielinski, Service Director Brian Higgins, Building Commissioner/City Engineer Paul Deichmann, Communications and Community Relations Director Powell Caesar, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi, Senior Citizens Director JoAnn Mason, Community Development Director Erik Tollerup, Chief of Staff Meghann McCall, Economic Development Officer/Grant Writer Shelley Cullins, Director of Public Housing Lev Kulchytsky and Clerk of Council Tom Mastroianni.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Clerk of Council Tom Mastroianni.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VOICE VOTE:

RESOLUTION NO. 331-07 11/5/07 L-330-07

BY: **S. P. BRENNAN**, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH,
 L. NAPOLI, K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE 2007
ALL-OHIO STATE FAIR BAND PARMA AREA HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT BAND MEMBERS

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Resolution No. 331-07. Motion carried.

Councilman Brennan – Presented the Resolution to the Band and congratulated them.

Mayor DePiero – Presented a Proclamation to the band and congratulated them.

Mr. Gallagher – Thanked Council and the Mayor.

RESOLUTION NO. 280-07 11/5/07 L-279-07
BY: **L. NAPOLI**, S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS,
R. J. JECH, K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE STANLEY A. MEREDYK
7/21/42 – 8/2/07

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt
Resolution No. 280-07. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 322-07 11/5/07 L-321-07
BY: **M. GALINAS**, S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, R. J. JECH,
L. NAPOLI, K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
LEO ALLEN 2007 PAAF HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt
Resolution No. 322-07. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 323-07 11/5/07 L-322-07
BY: **N. CELEBREZZE**, S. P. BRENNAN, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH,
L. NAPOLI, K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
THOMAS CONWAY 2007 PAAF HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt
Resolution No. 323-07. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 324-07 11/5/07 L-323-07
BY: **T. REGAS**, S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS,
R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI, K. A. RAMSER, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
LARRY CZACK 2007 PAAF HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt
Resolution No. 324-07. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 325-07 11/5/07 L-324-07
BY: **T. REGAS**, S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS,
R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI, K. A. RAMSER, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
JAME DEMETRIU 2007 PAAF HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Resolution No. 325-07. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 326-07 11/5/07 L-325-07
BY: **S. P. BRENNAN**, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH,
L. NAPOLI, K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
THOMAS KOHUTH 2007 PAAF HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Resolution No. 326-07. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 327-07 11/5/07 L-326-07
BY: **K. A. RAMSER**, S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS,
R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
CHERYL SEIFERT SEIDENAND 2007 PAAF HALL OF FAME
NOMINEE

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Resolution No. 327-07. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 328-07 11/5/07 L-327-07
BY: **L. NAPOLI**, S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS,
R. J. JECH, K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING WILLIAM
REPPA 2007 PAAF HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Resolution No. 328-07. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 329-07 11/5/07 L-328-07
BY: **M. GALINAS**, S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, R. J. JECH,
L. NAPOLI, K. A. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING WILLIAM
WILSON 2007 PAAF HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Resolution No. 329-07. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 330-07 11/5/07 L-329-07
BY: **K. A. RAMSER**, S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS,
R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
MICHAEL ZADEL 2007 PAAF HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Resolution No. 330-07. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

Mr. Germana – We have the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of October 15, 2007 and the Special Council Meeting of October 22, 2007. Asked if there were any additions or corrections to these Minutes. Stated, hearing none, the Minutes will stand approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

Notice of Proposal to Vary received from the applicant Ed Sarian, 12891 W. Linden Lane, PPN 457-17-002. The request is for an "Area" Variance of Section 1153.03 (a) – Single Family House Districts – Accessory Uses and Buildings – Private Garages and Parking Areas. The proposal is to erect pole barn/garage on parcel single-family dwelling with attached garage. Code requires maximum size garage permitted on lot with 8,400 sq. ft. or over is 800 sq. ft. Not more than 1 garage whether attached or detached shall be permitted on any one lot. The proposal is for a second pole barn/garage on 29,000 sq. ft. lot This variance would result in allowing an additional garage on the parcel. The second request is for an "Area" Variance of Section 1153.03(a) Single family House Districts – Accessory Uses and Buildings – Private Garages and Parking Areas. The proposal is to erect pole barn/garage on parcel single-family dwelling with attached garage. Code requires maximum size garage is 400 sq. ft. The proposed additional pole barn/garage is 896 sq. ft. (28' x 32"). This variance would result in allowing 496 more sq. ft. of additional garage space. The stipulation is that this pole barn/storage building cannot be used in any shape, manner or form for business.

Mr. Germana – Said Variance will be referred to the Planning Committee.

Notice of Proposal to Vary for the applicant Competitive Builders for 5603 Theota Avenue on PPN 443-15-033. The request is for an "Area" Variance of Section 1193.01 – Side Yards – Residence Districts: Space Between Buildings. The proposal is to build a connection between new addition on dwelling and the garage at 5603 Theota Avenue. Code requires in a residence district, each main building shall have a yard along side each lot line. The sum of the widths of the side yards of an interior lot in a residence district shall be not less than 10' at any point. The proposed sum of side yards is 7'1". This variance would result in 2' 11" less for sum of the width of side yard than code requires.

Mr. Germana- Said Variance will be referred to the Planning Committee.

Notice received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a New D5 permit to Warsaw Grille LLC, dba Old Warsaw Grille, 5747 Chevrolet Boulevard, Parma, Ohio

44130. Mailed on October 24, 2007. Responses must be postmarked no later than November 26, 2007.

Mr. Germana – Copy of said Liquor Permit will be referred to the Safety Director and Ward Councilman.

Communication received from State Senator Dale Miller thanking Council for sending him a copy of Resolution No. 275-07, urging the Governor and General Assembly to fill the financial gap created by the Federal G.I. Bill Education Benefit so that all Ohio veterans can complete their educations. Stated that he will do his best to help find solutions that would enable us to provide this needed educational assistance.

Communication received from State Representative Timothy DeGeeter stating that he is in support and receipt of Resolution No. 275-07 urging the Ohio General Assembly to fill the financial gap created by the Federal GI Bill Education Benefit for all U.S. Citizens. Stated that his office is discussing the proceedings of drafting possible legislation with regard to this matter.

Communication received from Wade A. Rakes II, Director of Public Liaison from Governor Ted Strickland's Office confirming receipt of Resolution No. 275-07 urging the Governor and General Assembly to fill the financial gap created by the Federal G.I. Bill Education Benefit for all Ohio U.S. Military Veterans. Stated that views on this important matter is appreciated and duly noted.

Communication received from Susan L. Long, Executive Assistant to Governor Strickland thanking Council for Resolution No. 275-07 concerning the financial gap for Ohio's U.S. Military Veterans. Stated that she has forwarded the legislation to the Governor's military policy team, his legislative director and the director of Veteran's Affairs.

Proposed FY 2008 Annual Consolidated Plan received from Community Services and Economic Development Director. Copy is on file in the Council Office.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 332-07 11/5/07 L-331-07
BY: M. GALINAS, B. DAY
(By Request – City Engineer/Building Commissioner)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY,
OHIO, AND THE CITY OF PARMA CONSENTING TO THE ROUTINE
MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN BRIDGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana - Said Ordinance will be referred to the Public Service Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 335-07 11/5/07 L-334-07

BY: T. REGAS
(By Request – Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH
DISTRICT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE
YEAR 2008 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$308,358.00,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana - Said Ordinance will be referred to the Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 342-07 11/5/07 L-342-07

BY: M. GALINAS
(By Request – City Engineer/Building Commissioner)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST
BIDDER FOR MANHATTAN AVENUE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana - Said Ordinance will be referred to the Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 343-07 11/5/07 L-343-07

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE
TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT UNDER THE
STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR THE
LEASE OF A 2007 CHEVROLET 3500 HD 4WD REGULAR CAB TRUCK FOR
THE PARMA SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana - Said Ordinance will be referred to the Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 344-07 11/5/07 L-344-07

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE
TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT UNDER THE STATE
OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR THE LEASE OF A
2007 CHEVROLET 6500 2WD REGULAR CAB TRUCK FOR THE
PARMA SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana - Said Ordinance will be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 345-07 11/5/07 L-339-07
BY: M. GALINAS, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO
EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF PLACING SECURITY AT PARMA
CITY HALL

Mr. Germana - Said Ordinance will be referred to the Public Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 348-07 11/5/07 L-347-07
BY: S. BRENNAN
(By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF EXHIBIT "A" OF ORDINANCE
NO. 348-04 RELATIVE TO THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE POSITION OF
CHIEF ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR WITHIN THE LAW DEPARTMENT,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana - Said Ordinance will be referred to the Governmental Operations
Committee.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 309-07 10/15/07 L-308-07
BY: B. DAY

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SECTION 1170.15
"PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN USES" OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA

Motion made by Councilman Celebrezze seconded by Councilman Day to refer
Ordinance No. 309-07 back to the Planning Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 320-07 10/15/07 L-12-06
BY: M. GALINAS

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SUBSECTION (e) OF SECTION 351.12
"PARKING ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY" OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Galinas seconded by Councilman Day to refer
Ordinance No. 320-07 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

SECOND READING SUSPENSION:

Mr. Germana – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 47 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 306-07 and Ordinance No. 313-07 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 306-07 10/15/07 L-305-07
BY: M. GALINAS, L. NAPOLI, K. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA, S. P. BRENNAN,
N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, R. J. JECH
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MOBILETEK CONSULTING, LLC, UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) PANASONIC CF30 TOUGHBOOKS, DOCKING STATIONS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Ordinance No. 306-07.

Councilman Brennan – Stated that this is a way of doing more with what little manpower we have. Stated he is proud to be voting on this tonight.

Mayor DePiero – Stated that Council authorized the purchase of 10 other toughbooks about a year ago. Toughbooks are computers that are in most of the police vehicles. They allow the officer to quickly key a license plate number into the computer and get a description of the individual, whether or not there is a warrant, etc. Stated that it is a good tool for the safety of our officers and also for them to do good police work.

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; Ordinance No. 306-07 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 313-07 10/15/07 L-312-07
BY: M. GALINAS, L. NAPOLI, K. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA, S. P. BRENNAN,
N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, R. J. JECH
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CLEVELAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) AES ENCRYPTION UPGRADES, TWO (2) P-7100 PORTABLE RADIOS, EIGHT (8) P-7100 SCAN RADIOS AND FIFTEEN (15) P-5250 PORTABLE SCAN RADIOS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

Mr. Germana – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 47 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 346-07, Ordinance No. 347-07, Ordinance No. 349-07, Ordinance No. 350-07, Ordinance No. 351-07, Resolution No. 352-07, Resolution No. 353-07, and Resolution No. 354-07 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Germana – Shall Rule 44 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 346-07, Ordinance No. 347-07, Ordinance No. 349-07, Ordinance No. 350-07, Ordinance No. 351-07, Resolution No. 352-07, Resolution No. 353-07, and Resolution No. 354-07 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 346-07 11/5/07 L-345-07

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SECTION 1 OF
ORDINANCE NO. 51-07 RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT FOR LEGAL
SERVICES OF THE LAW FIRM LITTLER, MENDELSON, P.C. FOR
THE PRESENT CLAIM KNOWN AS SCHEUTZOW, ET AL. VS.
CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Ordinance No. 346-07.

Mr. Dobeck – Stated that this Ordinance And Ordinance No. 347-07 are two of the three law suits that the City is providing a defense for with outside Counsel. Ordinance No. 346-07 has to do with retiree healthcare benefit that was negotiated out in the last contract arrangement and it is all of the retired police and fire that have sued the City in this. The second one is with respect to the auto accident that occurred on March 4, 2004 right at the Padua hill that ended in a fatality. Stated that the City has a self retention amount of \$250,000, but we have a good insurance policy on that So, any monies that we expend in the defense of the case, which would include experts that we had to retain as well as attorney fees, are a set off against that \$250,000.

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; Ordinance No. 346-07 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 347-07 11/5/07 L-346-07

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SECTION 1 OF
ORDINANCE NO. 230-05 RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT FOR
LEGAL SERVICES OF THE LAW FIRM MAZANEC, RASKIN
& RYDER CO., LPA, FOR THE PRESENT CLAIM KNOWN AS

RAGAN VS. CITY OF PARMA, ET AL., AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Ordinance No. 347-07.

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; Ordinance No. 347-07 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 349-07 11/5/07 L-348-07

BY: K. A. RAMSER

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT
AGREEMENT WHICH WILL GRANT AN EASEMENT TO THE WEST
CREEK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (WCPC), AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Ordinance No. 349-07.

Councilwoman Galinas – Asked if Council did this last year?

Mr. Dobeck – This was a law suit that was settled two years ago that was filed in Probate Court that had to do with the Block “D” property in Ward 7. In that case, there was a conservation easement that West Creek was purchasing from the City. This is the formality of recording the Conservation Easement with the County Recorder. The Law requires that any time an easement is granted by a City, City Council must act to do that, and we will record this with the County Recorder.

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; Ordinance No. 349-07 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 350-07 11/5/07 L-349-07

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
OF THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Ordinance No. 350-07.

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; Ordinance No. 350-07 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 351-07 11/5/07 L-350-07

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
WITHIN THE 2007 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF
PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Ordinance No. 351-07.

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; Ordinance No. 351-07 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 352-07 11/5/07 L-351-07

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Auditor)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY AUDITOR'S POST CERTIFICATION OF REQUISITIONS AS DETAILED IN EXHIBIT "A" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Resolution No. 352-07.

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; Resolution No. 352-07 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 353-07 11/5/07 L-352-07

BY: S. BRENNAN, L. NAPOLI, K. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH

A RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 3498, CITED AS THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECLAMATION AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM ACT OF 2007, WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO MAKE GRANTS TO ASSIST CITIES WITH A VACANT HOUSING PROBLEM AND ADDITIONALLY URGING THAT THE APPROPRIATIONS SHOULD BE INCREASED TO \$500,000,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Resolution No. 353-07.

Councilman Brennan – Thanked the Administration for bringing this issue to his attention. Stated this will provide grants to cities. One of the issues we have in Parma is we have vacant properties and we don't have the money to go onto the property to do major repairs other than cut the grass. This would provide cities with the money to go there and have them painted and remove garages that are dilapidated. He is hoping maybe we will start cutting back a little bit in the War and spend a little bit more money here at home to clean up our cities here in the United States.

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; Resolution No. 353-07 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 354-07 11/5/07 L-353-07

BY: N. CELEBREZZE, L. NAPOLI, K. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. M. TUMA,
S. P. BRENNAN, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH

A RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. SENATE TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE
OF S. 2136, CITED AS THE "HELPING FAMILIES SAVE THEIR HOMES
IN BANKRUPTCY ACT OF 2007", WHICH WILL ALLOW HOMEOWNERS
TO MODIFY THEIR MORTGAGES IN BANKRUPTCY TO AVOID
FORECLOSURE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adopt
Resolution No. 354-07.

Councilman Celebrezze – Senate Bill 2136 redefines the Bankruptcy Code, which
hasn't been redefined as to the housing market, since the mid 1970's. This foreclosure
and bankruptcy issue has become a national pandemic of well over 2 million households
in the United States. A lot of it has to do with the change in the sub prime mortgage
industry. The bankruptcy law has not caught up to the new issues in the mortgage
industry.

Yes: Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech.

No: None; Resolution No. 354-07 is adopted.

Public Session

No one wished to speak.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor DePiero – Reminded everyone to get out and vote.

Thanked Council for the passage of Ordinance No. 306-07 and Ordinance No.
313-07 to help our safety forces.

Next Tuesday, at the Committee Meetings, we have invited the County Sanitary
Engineer, Bob Klaiber, to give a presentation, on the County Sanitary proposal.

Announced that the Parma Police Department launched their web site a couple of
weeks ago. A couple of things that were added this week. One is an e-mail alert that
residents can sign up for. If there is a road closure or something happening in the City,
or a missing person, people can get an e-mail at their work or at home. There will also
be a most wanted page that they will hook into a state and nationwide data base. They
will have information for the public on how to access the site in the City newsletter that
will be mailed to residents' homes.

Congratulated the Padua Bruins for making the playoffs. Congratulated the
Normandy Invaders for moving on to the second round of playoffs.

Service Director Higgins – No comment.

Treasurer Zielinski – No comment.

Law Director Dobeck – No comment.

Auditor Kish – No comment.

Councilman Napoli – Thanked the Board of Education. They helped him with an event at Byers Field with the CYO St. Anthony's football teams.

Thanked the Parma Police and Auxiliary that were out on Halloween night.

Thanked the Normandy and Padua football teams.

Councilman Ramser – Commented on the article that was in the Plain Dealer on October 26th regarding the 11 folds of the American Flag on our veteran's casket. One person in California found this to be offensive. Now it has been banned in every Federal cemetery in this Country. Asked when this is going to stop? Stated that this is sacred. Stated that he is a citizen just like everybody else. He never gave up his citizenship when he sat in his chair and he will not stop saying what he believes. Stated he is not going to be a part of the silent majority any longer. God Bless America. There is nothing wrong with that.

Councilman Regas – No comment.

Councilman Tuma – Stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Ward 8, and all of Parma. Looks forward to doing that in the next couple of years as well. Stated to get out and vote.

Councilman Brennan – Wished Councilwoman Galinas and Councilman Tuma good luck. Wished Deanna O'Donnell good luck as well. Stated he looks forward to continuing to work with both Council members as well as Deanna as the next Judge in the City of Parma.

Stated he received a call from a resident on Morningside who said she was proud of the City of Parma because she saw the police go by on Halloween night. Stated that the Mayor always makes that a priority on Halloween, as does our Safety Director and Police Chief. It is definitely appreciated.

Councilman Celebrezze – Urged everyone to remind your neighbors to go out there and vote. Looks forward to serving with everybody on City Council next year as well as our next Judge.

Councilman Day – Wished the best of luck to Councilwoman Galinas and Councilman Tuma as well as Deanna O'Donnell. Stated that they have all been a great asset to the City. Looks forward to keeping Council unified and going forward. Urged everyone to get out and vote.

Councilwoman Galinas – Thanked everyone for their good wishes. Wished Councilman Tuma the best of luck. Received a letter regarding her support of one candidate over another. Stated that when you work with people at City Hall, you see what great qualities they have and you respect them in a different way than you can from the outside. Unless you are in their shoes and you sit here, you don't see what we see. That is why you have to support a great candidate, and I think Deanna is one of those as well as Scott. Hopes people do get out and vote.

Stated over three-quarter of a million people applied for the Homestead Exemption and more will do so.

Regarding the Court and Police websites, she was on the website and the most wanted is a good site. When they took a tour of the new Justice Center, they were in the control room and were watching some of the videos of crimes. The most wanted website shows the crime in action. People can actually see the perpetrator robbing. Stated she is glad they have such great tools in the City to help our residents.

Councilman Jech – Passed his best wishes onto Councilwoman Galinas, Councilman Tuma and Deanna O'Donnell. Stated he knows how hard they worked on their campaigns. Stated it will be great to see them back next term. Wished them the best of luck.

Mr. Germana - Stated that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, as City Hall will be closed on Monday.

Stated that he doesn't know if everyone knows what the Port Authority is all about, but the Northern Ohio City Council's Association did have Mr. Wasserman at the last forum in September and on their website, noccaassociation.org, you can see the presentation. Stated on November 29th, they will be having a meeting at Baldwin Water reservoir. They will be talking about Regionalization that works in the Water Department.

Stated that we are blessed this election season, because our citizens are being spared smear and it is a shame sometimes local politics have to get low, and it has gotten low in our two neighboring cities. Stated it is great that we are working together as a team. Stated that we are blessed in Parma right now, because that negativism is gone and he hopes it stays away.

Stated that the Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 1 at 10 A.M.

REPORT ON ABSENT OFFICIALS

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to excuse Safety Director Gregory Baeppler. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Thomas Mastroianni, Clerk of Council for the City of Parma, Ohio do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, November 5, 2007.

CHARLES M. GERMANA
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

THOMAS MASTROIANNI
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M./lk

(Minutes completed on 11/27/07)